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Sent: Thur 8/2/2018 7:05:02 PM
Subject: RE: Time Sensitive Request for Interview or Statement - Yahoo News Request from Tayler

Hi Tayler –

For the response on what EPA is doing to make sure Newark is taking to address lead, here are a few bullet points. Note that these are not specific to Newark, but the efforts should affect Newark. Please let me know if you have any questions.

1. NJ has primary enforcement authority (primacy) of the LCR
2. In 2016 R2 EPA CWD conducted oversight audits of NJ's (and NY) implementation of the LCR, identified areas for improvement, and notified the states.
3. NJ has taken steps to address the LCR implementation issues we identified – EPA continues to discuss their progress with NJ and provide support as needed (e.g. LCR training for NJDEP staff)
 - a. In 2017 Newark identified an exceedance of the lead MCL (15ppb or 0.015mg/L). Newark and NJDEP are taking steps to address the exceedance.
4. EPA also provides State Revolving Funds to NJ, some of which NJ will use for lead service line replacement, including for example, in Newark.

You could also mention that the lead is regulated by the LCR requiring systems to monitor drinking water at customer taps (aka by a treatment technique, as opposed to a health-based standard). If the lead concentration exceeds 15 ppb, steps must be taken, such as public notification, increased monitoring, system adjustments, and in some cases lead service line replacement.

You can also provide links to the LCR Quick Reference Guide or other EPA information at <https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-and-copper-rule> and [here](#). You can also refer him to me if he has other LCR questions if you think that would be helpful.

Thanks!

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Yes – we can refer them to NJDEP. Do you need info for the response regarding what EPA is doing? I've attached a few factsheets that may be helpful (they're basically the same thing – one is just longer/more detailed than the other).

Thanks,

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Hi Doug and Christine,

We obviously don't comment on the lawsuit but I think the last two questions might be a referral to NJDEP... right?

Thanks,

Tayler

From: Michael Walsh [<mailto:mwalsh@yahooneews.com>]
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Hi Tayler,

I hope you are doing well. I'm currently writing an article about NRDC's lawsuit against the City of Newark over the level of lead in its drinking water.

Would someone at EPA be able to provide a statement about what the response to this? Does Newark actually have dangerous levels of lead in its drinking water? And if so, what actions has the EPA taken to make sure Newark addresses this?

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